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SUBJECT:SECRETARY'S REPLY TO CAGLAYANGIL'S DECEMBER 31  
LETTER.

FOR THE AMBASSADOR.

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY  
TO CAGLAYANGIL IN REPLY TO HIS LETTER OF DECEMBER 31 CON-  
VEYED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHING-  
TON. WHEN INFORMED OF DELIVERY IN ANKARA WE WILL PASS A  
COPY OF THE REPLY TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER TO CAGLAYANGIL: DEAR MR. FOREIGN  
MINISTER: I APPRECIATED HAVING YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 31  
EXPRESSING YOUR CONCERN OVER DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MIGHT HAVE  
A NEGATIVE AFFECT ON THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTER-COMMUNAL  
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CYPRUS TALKS. I AM ENCOURAGED BY YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

FOR THESE TALKS AND TRUST THAT YOUR EFFORTS WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN INFLUENCING THEM TO WORK WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO SET A DATE AND VENUE FOR THE EARLY RESUMPTION OF MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT STATEMENTS BY THE PARTIES WHICH APPEAR TO PLACE CONDITIONS ON THE CONDUCT OR SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS ARE UNHELPFUL. IT WAS CLEARLY MY IMPRESSION IN BRUSSELS THAT THE TALKS WOULD BE RESUMED WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS. THAT WAS THE VIEW CONVEYED TO ME BY FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS, AND I NOTE THAT THE GREEK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN A STATEMENT ISSUED DECEMBER 30, REAFFIRMED THAT POSITION.

IT IS, OF COURSE, FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE PARTIES, AND IN THAT PROCESS I WOULD EXPECT THAT THE TERMS AGREED TO IN BRUSSELS WOULD BE HONORED. THAT BEING THE CASE, I DO NOT BELIEVE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PARTIES SHOULD IMPEDE THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS WHICH ARE VITAL TO THE SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GREEK AND GREEK-CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP WE WILL MAKE OUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER CLEAR.

IN CLOSING I SHOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM THE IMPRESSION I RECEIVED IN BRUSSELS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE, AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY, IS COMMITTED TO THE REALISTIC NEGOTIATION OF A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. I BELIEVE THIS ATTITUDE WILL PREVAIL IN NICOSIA AS WELL.

I LOOK FORWARD TO REMAINING IN TOUCH WITH YOU AS THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS ADVANCES AND TO THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT WHEN WE MEET IN WASHINGTON. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END LETTER TO CAGLAYANGIL. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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